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**Sent:** 1/18/2022 9:35:07 PM  
**To:** Sobus, Jon [Sobus.Jon@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: yo

Probably.

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Is that something we should push for, out of the interest of collaboration and spending less \$?

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Pretty much. There are some places where we might be working together but overall, not really

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But they are not working WITH you on this? It's a parallel effort?

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**From:** Biales, Adam <Biales.Adam@epa.gov>  
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Pretty much. Brett has been working on a fractionation scheme for surface water and is using cell based assays to get at MOA. The transcriptomics that he is talking about is based off this challenge grant that Duluth put together for those species, though I am not sure if they are planning on applying them to surface waters, but since that transcriptomics will be completely on contract, the only limitation should be money. So more or less, this is exactly what we're talking about, just focused on two species and whole transcriptome analysis.

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Any overlaps with your planned work?

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**From:** Blackwell, Brett <Blackwell.Brett@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Sobus, Jon <Sobus.Jon@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: yo

Hey, sorry for the delayed response. I'm happy to chat more this week about our plans. I am not planning any extensive work for the AltEN project for several reasons. This StRAP cycle is in the middle of multiple transitions at our lab, so that is making it difficult to know how much I can commit to. We have lab renovations beginning May 2023, and I'm getting pulled more into bioaccumulation work since 2 PIs are retiring this year. Add in the mess that is the AltEn planning, and I feel inclined to not dive in too deeply.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Brett

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**From:** Sobus, Jon <[Sobus.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Sobus.Jon@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** yo

Sorry I missed the last meeting with you and Angela and Elin. I got pulled into a RACT thing and it lasted the full hour.

At some point (perhaps next week) can we touch base? I want to see what you have planned for those surface water samplers. I'm hoping we can do some work together for the StRAP.

Thanks,  
Jon